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LETTER DATED 22 NOVEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter, dated 20 November 1992, from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, His Excellency Mr. Alija Izetbegovic.

In addition to the information in the letter regarding a disturbing escalation in Serbia and Montenegro's role in Bosnia and Herzegovina, I wish to inform you of the following.

A communiqué dated 12 November 1992 from the Presidency noted that the aggression against Bosnia and Herzegovina continues, despite an agreed upon cease-fire. On that day, forces of the Yugoslav People's Army, together with local Serbian proxies, were attacking Travnik. Heavy artillery was in continuous use against Gradacac, Brcko, Olovo and Srebrenica. The Presidency noted that while Belgrade troops were intensifying their attacks, the leadership in Belgrade was deviously accusing Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina of violations of the cease-fire.

A communiqué dated 14 November 1992 from the Presidency reported that joint forces of the Yugoslav People's Army and Serbian and Montenegrin paramilitary units have concentrated armoured vehicles around the city of Bajina Basta in Serbia, with the intention of moving against Srebrenica in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Similar movements have been observed in the area of Dobrun and Metaljka on the border between Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

A communiqué dated 18 November 1992 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported that on 17 November Serbian and Montenegrin forces attacked the town of Tesnanj with two Scud ground-to-ground missiles. On the same day, the towns of Travnik, Brcko, Gradacac and parts of Sarajevo came under heavy artillery fire.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 20 November 1992 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

We have a confirmed information that yesterday, 19 November 1992, at 6 p.m. two Luna-Scud ground-to-ground missile units, belonging to the Yugoslav Army which are assumed to be heading in the direction of Glina-Zagreb, Modriča-Osijek or Travnik-Sarajevo. The units are in two convoys of 10 to 12 vehicles with heavy police escort.

This is yet another proof that the Yugoslav Army and the local Serbian forces do not give up military option in solving the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Usurping the peace-striving initiatives, resolutions and the cease-fire, they are bringing new reinforcement and intensify their offensive in many a place.

Therefore, we are asking you to start the relevant United Nations mechanisms as to halt the movement of the missile units. These units are to substitute for the air force once the embargo on military flights over the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been imposed.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC